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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Larry Gavin

DETROIT MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL GUN CHARGES

A 54-year-old Detroit man was sentenced yesterday after pleading guilty on February 27, 2007, to federal gun charges United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Valerie Goddard, Special Agent in Charge, Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Larry Gavin was sentenced to 210 months imprisonment by United States District Judge Robert Cleland. In sentencing Gavin the Court commented on the need to protect the public from dangerous criminals and the type of illegal conduct engaged in by Gavin.

The federal charges arose following Gavin's arrest by Detroit Police officers on August 18, 2006, who found Gavin loitering outside a known narcotics trafficking location in the City of Detroit. At the time of his arrest Gavin was in possession of a .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun.

Gavin has prior felony criminal convictions which include Breaking and Entering a

Building with Intent, Assault with Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm less than Murder, Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property and Escape from Prison. His previous felony convictions required an enhancement of his federal sentence under the Armed Career Criminal Guidelines to a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years.

"Multi-convicted felons who carry weapons will get stiff sentences under the Project Safe Neighborhoods, such as the 210-month sentence imposed in this case. To make our communities safer, PSN aims to stop such prohibited persons from carrying firearms or face serious consequences," stated U.S. Attorney Murphy.

"The conviction and lengthy sentence in this case highlights the significance Project Safe Neighborhoods plays in our fight to keep guns and violent offenders off the street," stated SAC Goddard.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Gillooly.